

Notice of Intention to Amend the Conflict of Interest Code of the Department of Industrial Relations by the Director of Industrial Relations: California Code of Regulations, Title 8, Division 1, Chapter 8, Subchapter 5, Section 17000 and Appendix

The Director of the Department of Industrial Relations (“Director”) proposes to adopt a regulation amending the Department’s Conflict of Interest Code, as required by Government Code sections 87306 and 87306.5. The amendment repeals the existing listing of Disclosure Categories and listing of Designated Positions in the Appendix, and adopts new listings of Disclosure Categories and of Designated Positions. The Code is located in section 17000, in Subchapter 5 of Chapter 8, Division 1 of Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations.

OBTAINING COPIES

Copies of the proposed amendment are available to interested persons on request. Copies may be obtained

By writing to:

Linda Tejada
Division of Workers’ Compensation
Department of Industrial Relations
P.O. Box 420603
San Francisco, CA 94142-0603

By telephoning and requesting a copy:

Linda Tejada
(510) 286-7050

By an in person visit to the offices of the Director of Department of Industrial Relations at:

Office of the Director – 10th Floor
455 Golden Gate Avenue
San Francisco, California

The proposed amendment may also be viewed on the Department’s website through a link at the following location: <http://www.dir.ca.gov/DIRRulemaking.html>

SUBMITTING COMMENTS

Any person may submit written comments, including statements, argument, or contentions regarding the proposed amendment. Any timely submitted written comments must be considered by the Director before the proposed amendment is finally adopted. Any written comments should be submitted by mail, e-mail, fax, or personal delivery, as follows:

By mailing to: Linda Tejada
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Department of Industrial Relations
P.O. Box 420603
San Francisco, CA 94142-0603

By e-mail to: jcumming@hq.dir.ca.gov [John Cumming]

By fax to: Department of Industrial Relations
Office of the Director – Legal Unit
Attn.: John Cumming
(415) 703-4277

By personal delivery to:

Department of Industrial Relations
Division of Workers' Compensation
Attn.: Linda Tejada
1515 Clay Street – 17th Floor
Oakland, California 94612

Department of Industrial Relations
Office of the Director
455 Golden Gate Avenue, 10th Floor
San Francisco, California 94102

In order for any written comments to be considered by the Department before it amends the Conflict of Interest Code, they must be actually **received** in the offices of the Department **by 5:00 p.m., March 10, 2006.**

FURTHER INFORMATION:

Inquiries concerning the proposed amendments to the Conflict of Interest Code may be made to:

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The Department has prepared a written explanation of the reasons for changes in the designations and the disclosures responsibilities, and has available all information upon which the proposed changes are based.

REQUESTING A PUBLIC HEARING:

Any interested person may request that the Department hold a public hearing on the proposed amendment to the Conflict of Interest Code, by submitting a written request to the Department by mail to:

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Department of Industrial Relations
P.O. Box 420603
San Francisco, CA 94142-0603

or by personal delivery to:

Department of Industrial Relations
Office of the Director
455 Golden Gate Avenue, 10th Floor
San Francisco, California 94102

A request for a public hearing must be actually **received** in the offices of the Department **by 5:00 p.m., February 23, 2006.**

FINDINGS:

The adoption of the proposed amendment to the Conflict of Interest Code will not impose a cost or savings on any state agency, local agency or school district that is required to be reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of the Government Code. The adoption will not result in any non-discretionary cost or savings to local agencies. The adoption will not result in any cost or savings in federal funding to the state. The adoption will not impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts. The adoption will not have any potential cost impact on private persons or businesses, including small businesses.

The Department has determined that no alternative considered by the Department would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the amendment is proposed or would be more effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed amendment.

SUMMARY OF AFFECTED PROVISIONS OF EXISTING CODE AND PROPOSED CHANGES

No substantive section of the existing code is being changed. The Appendix, which lists disclosure categories and designates positions, is being changed to reflect organizational changes with the Department of Industrial Relations, to rename existing designated positions, and to add designated positions.